

With regards to an upcoming FCC ruling on forced copy protection on all forms of digital television recorders, I must strongly protest this unfair proposal. It is in the best interests of the happiness of all citizens of this country to choose when and where they wish to view a program off of a service they have already paid for. The Hollywood lobby group has bought our elected officials into believing that everything with a copyright must be protected with an iron fist. Hollywood has only one goal in mind, to ensure their profits. While that is a goal of any company, they give little thought into its customers, the millions of TV and movie viewers. This proposal is not followed by the majority of Americans. Nor can the majority understand technology, let alone the social implications it has on a society such as ours. I ask you only to look at the facts at hand and the two sides involved. One side, Hollywood, has given thousands of dollars to our elected officials which have enabled many in Congress to put pressure on you for such a regulation. The other is the American people, who pay high monthly rates for entertainment on Television. Don't we have the right to record our service, watch it at a time and place of our choosing? Entertainment companies are fighting furiously to dominate all forms of digital content while at the same time destroying the right to free speech and more importantly, fair use. I implore you to for once, empower the citizens to have control over their service, much like you have with citizens band radio.

Thank you for your time.

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